the beggars and other persons at the traffic intersections of the Capital during the last six months, month-wise figures; and

(b) the action contemplated by Government to remove beggars and other alms seekers from the streets of the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The requisite information is given below:

Month	Number of persons challaned
January	163
February	201
March	173
April	73
May	982
June	197
Total:	1789

(b) The action taken by the Government to remove this menace includes constitution of an anti-begging squad for conducting raids at public places with a view to apprehend beggars and setting up of custodial institutions to wean them away from beggary and provide training, counselling and guidance to them.

Remarks of Amnesty International on minorities

1841. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently Amnesty International alleged that the right of minorities in the country to live as equals, was being increasingly undermined;

(b) if so, the detailed reasons behind such a remark; and

(c) what was the response of the Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Amnesty International is an International NGO based in London and is one among the many NGOs based outside India which brings out reports on alleged human rights violations, from time to time, all over the world including India. The methods used by such organisations to gather information have often been questioned, particularly as they are not free from bias. It is not the policy of the Government of react to such reports by International NGOs on internal matters of India.

Links of NGOs with separatists in NE

1842. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have blacklisted more than 800 Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the North-East region for alleged link with separatists groups;

(b) if so, whether Government have any solid evidence of close links between the NGOs and rebels; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken against such NGOs with the help of State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, Ministry of Home Affairs has issued instructions to various Ministries/Department in regard to the procedure to be adopted for verification of applications received from NGOs working in Manipur for financial assistance.

Rehabilitation of victims of Naga-Kuki clashes

1843. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the victims of Kuki-Naga clashes are yet to be rehabilitated;

(b) whether the State Government has submitted the claims for their rehabilitation; and